

BILL # SB 1251

TITLE: deadly weapons; storage

SPONSOR: Gray, C.

STATUS: Senate Engrossed

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

Description

State statute currently authorizes operators of public establishments and sponsors of public events to request removal of deadly weapons if temporary, secure storage is provided. This bill further defines temporary, secure storage as a key-operated, affixed, lock box within 200 feet of the entrance.

Estimated Impact

This bill would have a state cost to the extent that lock boxes would need to be added to state buildings where existing secure storage does not meet the requirements of the bill. The magnitude of the fiscal impact cannot be determined, however, as current and future weapons storage arrangements in state buildings is not available. State agencies may still choose whether to request removal of weapons. If an agency chooses to not request the removal of weapons, it would not be required to provide a lock box for weapons storage.

This bill would affect 2 building systems: the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA), and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). ADOA does not have an estimate of the number of buildings that would need a lock box. ADOT estimates that the bill will not create a new fiscal impact.

Analysis

Laws 2006, Chapter 313, required that an operator of an establishment or sponsor of an event provide secure storage if it requested removal of weapons prior to entrance. This bill defines secure storage, requires the storage to be within 200 feet of the entrance, requires the agency to supervise the placement of the weapon in the storage, and precludes recording identifying information of person's storing weapons.

ADOA estimates that 112 of the buildings in its system are publicly accessible. ADOA does not know how many of these buildings require weapons storage and how many currently have lock boxes. If all of the buildings require weapons storage and none currently have lock boxes, ADOA projects the potential cost to be \$63,800 - \$134,500. The \$63,800 estimate is based on purchasing pistol lockers costing \$570 each and the \$134,500 estimate is based on purchasing rifle lockers costing \$1,020 each.

In addition, a person would need to be available to supervise the placement of a weapon in the lock box, if not already provided. The actual cost of the bill, however, will depend on future agency budget requests and the Legislature's decision whether to fund the requests.

In light of the lack of data regarding weapons restrictions and weapons storage at state buildings, a survey of 13 buildings around the Capitol Mall was conducted. Of the 13 buildings surveyed, 10 have lock boxes that comply with the provisions of this bill, and 3 currently store weapons in locking banker's bags.

Local Government Impact

The bill may lead to new costs for local governments, but the actual impact cannot be determined with the information currently available.